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H. R. 2592

To amend the Consumer Products Safety Act to provide that low-speed
electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 1999

Mr. ROGAN (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. EHRLICH, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. DEAL
of Georgia, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BRYANT, Ms. WOOLSEY,
Mr. GALLEGLY, and Mr. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products
subject to such Act.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ACT.**

4 The Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051

5 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 "LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES

7 "SEC. 38. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision

8 of law, low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products

9 within the meaning of section 3(a)(1) and shall be subject

1 to the Commission regulations published at section

2 1500.18(a)(12) and part 1512 of 16 C.F.R.

3   ''(b) For the purpose of this section, the term 'low-

4 speed electric bicycle' means a two-or three-wheeled vehi-

5 cle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less

6 than 750 watts (1 h.p.), whose maximum speed on a paved

7 level surface, when powered solely by such a motor while

8 ridden by an operator who weighs 170 pounds, is less than

9 20 mph.

10   ''(c) To further protect the safety of consumers who

11 ride low-speed electric bicycles, the Commission may pro-

12 mulgate new or amended requirements applicable to such

13 vehicles as necessary and appropriate.

14   ''(d) This section shall supersede any State law or

15 requirement with respect to low-speed electric bicycles to

16 the extent that such State law or requirement is more

17 stringent than the Federal law or requirements referred

18 to in subsection (a).''.

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